

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/799,790

Applicant(s)

SMITH ET AL.

Examiner

Shane Bomar

Art Unit

3672

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Shane Bomar.

(3) _____.

(2) Kameron Kelly.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 07 June 2006.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 12, 18, 21, 22, 32, and 39.

Identification of prior art discussed: Trzeciak.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney Kelly pointed out that the Applicant's invention is shifted from the rotatable configuration into the locked configuration by axially shifting one or both of the rotatable and fixed sections away from one another. It was agreed that the Trzeciak reference moves one or both sections towards one another to shift to the locked configuration, and that attempting to modify this reference to perform the opposite way would effectively destroy the reference. Mr. Kelly will amend all independent claims to include this shifting configuration, and then the Examiner will make a determination based on these amendments.